

Docket No. 42390.P8929

REMARKS

Claim Rejections


Claims 1, 3-8, 11-12, 18-22 and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. No. 6,433,600 (hereafter Ilkbahar) in view of US Pat. No. 6,505,262 (hereafter Kurd). Claims 10 and 13-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3-8, 11-12, 18-22, and 28-30 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant therefore reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

Per the Examiner's instructions, claims 10 and 13-17 have been rewritten in independent form. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant submits that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to argue the patentability of the dependent claims and currently believes that all claims are allowable at least by way of their dependence on an allowable base claim. Such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there is a deficiency in fees, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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